

MEETING RECORD

NAME OF GROUP: HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING: Thursday, March 16, 2006, 1:30 p.m., Conference Room No. 206, Second Floor, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Tim Francis, Bruce Helwig, Jim McKee and Bob Ripley; (Jerry Berggren, Carol Walker, and Terry Young absent). Ed Zimmer of the Planning Department.

STATED PURPOSE OF MEETING: Regular Historic Preservation Commission Meeting

Chair Bob Ripley called the meeting to order and requested a motion approving the minutes of the regular meeting held February 16, 2006. Motion for approval made by Helwig, seconded by McKee. Motion for approval carried 4-0: Francis, Helwig, McKee and Francis voting 'yes'; Berggren, Walker and Young absent.

The opportunity was given for persons with limited time or with an item not appearing on the agenda to address the Commission. No one appeared.

Nomination of the Burnett House, 3256 Holdrege Street, to the National Register of Historic Places: **March 16, 2006**

Members present: Francis, Helwig, McKee and Ripley; Berggren, Walker and Young absent.

Ed Zimmer made a PowerPoint presentation depicting the exterior and interior features of the house. He said intern David Gaspers was the principal author of the nomination and that Gaspers identified the house as eligible under Criterion B for association with Chancellor Burnett and under Criterion C for architecture, as an important, well-preserved work of F. C. Fiske, a major Lincoln architect.

Members discussed Fiske's career as a Lincoln architect from the 1880s to 1930. Zimmer mentioned that the Burnett House—an American Foursquare— is stylistically conservative among Fiske's diverse work and further demonstrates his ability to design in a broad range of styles. Zimmer also mentioned that Gaspers is trying to document an oral tradition that Burnett used his home for Masonic meetings and rituals. Members pointed out that this information would not directly contribute to either of the areas of significance of the property.

ACTION:

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Motion for recommend the Burnett House for nomination to the National Register made by Helwig, seconded by McKee. Motion for approval carried 4-0: Francis, Helwig, McKee and Francis voting 'yes'; Berggren, Walker and Young absent.

APPLICATION BY AILEEN ELIKER FOR A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS FOR WORK AT 1204 A STREET IN THE EVERETT LANDMARK DISTRICT

PUBLIC HEARING:

March 16, 2006

Members present: Francis, Helwig, McKee and Ripley: Berggren, Walker and Young absent.

Zimmer show images of the exterior of this house, which suffered fire damage a few months ago. He said that the owner, Aileen Eliker, was requesting approval to install vinyl siding and to replace windows. He noted that she had re-sided a house she owns in the Creighton District in University Place several years ago and that she had maintained that house in improved appearance since that time.

Zimmer indicated that he felt the trim around the windows on the two-story portion of the A Street facade was one of the few elements that retained historic character. Helwig also pointed out the band of windows on the second floor on the west side as a significant feature.

McKee suggested that the house otherwise was much altered.

Zimmer asked if the Commission would accept as appropriate re-siding with smooth-finish, narrow "weather" vinyl siding, and limited window replacement that retained the trim around the A Street windows and the band of windows on the west side.

ACTION:

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Motion for approval of a certificate of appropriateness, conditioned on smooth, narrow siding and retention of the window elements as discussed, made by Francis, seconded by McKee. Motion for approval carried 4-0: Francis, Helwig, McKee and Francis voting 'yes'; Berggren, Walker and Young absent.

STAFF REPORT/DISCUSSION:

- No sign proposal has been received from "Coaches Corner" (9th & Q) and no further information from Scooters (8th & P).
- Members noted the letter from Michael Smith, the new Nebraska SHPO and director of the Nebr. State Historical Society. They asked staff to extend him an invitation to attend a future meeting, at his convenience.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned 2:45 p.m.